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Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action of February 5, 2009. In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein. Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response, to end May 5, 2009, Applicant submits that no fee is due at this time. However, if any fees are necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, Applicant authorizes the Office to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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